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SUBJECT: CSCE: BASKET III-MORE REALISTIC TEXTS

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1. AT A COMMITTEE III NATO CAUCUS OCTOBER 2, US DEL INFORMED ALLIES THAT WE WILL SUPPORT THE EC-9 IN CALLING FOR A FIRST READING OF THE BASKET III TEXTS. THE FRENCH DEL REPLYING FOR THE EC-9 NOTED THAT THIS REFLECTED THE SPIRIT OF THE KISSINGER-SAUVAGNARGUES MEETING IN THE US AND AGREED TO BEGIN SEEKING MORE REALISTIC INFORMAL TEXTS ON THE CRITICAL ITEMS IN BASKET III. THIS WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED IN MEETINGS AMONG THE US, FRENCH AND SELECTED OTHER EC-9 DELEGATES. TO INITIATE THIS PROCESS THE EC-9 MADE AVAILABLE A NEW DRAFT ON RIGHT TO TRAVEL, THE TOPIC COVERED BY US DRAFT SUBMITTED IN DEPT'S 157019. THEY PROPOSE THAT THE US-EC-9 GROUP COULD ATTEMPT TO RECONCILE EC-NINE TEXT WITH THE US DRAFT AFTER FORMER IS APPROVED BY THE EC-9 HEADS OF DELEGATION.

2. THE EC-9 TEXT IS VERY CLOSE TO THE US DRAFT. IT DROPS LANGUAGE IN EARLIER EC TEXT CALLING ON PARTICI-
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PANTS TO "GRANT CITIZENS OF THE OTHER PARTICIPATING

STATES EVERY FACILITY TO TRAVEL FREELY WITHIN THEIR TERRITORIES" AND ACCEPTS PROPOSED US FORMULATION ON THIS POINT: "GRANT CITIZENS OF THE OTHER PARTICIPATING STATES GREATER FACILITIES FOR TRAVEL WITHIN THEIR TERRITORIES". IT ALSO DROPS EARLIER EC-9 LANGUAGE CALLING ON PARTICIPANTS TO "TAKE ALL MEASURES TO REDUCE" TRAVEL DOCUMENT FORMALITIES IN FAVOR OF SOMEWHAT Milder LANGUAGE: "TAKE MEASURES TO REDUCE TO A MINIMUM AND TO APPLY FLEXIBLY" THE NECESSARY FORMALITIES. REMAINING DIFFERENCES BETWEEN US AND EC-9 TEXTS APPEAR TO BE LARGELY EDITORIAL IN NATURE. US-EC GROUP WILL MEET EARLY NEXT WEEK TO DISCUSS THIS PAPER. WE RECOMMEND WE BE GIVEN AUTHORITY TO ACCEPT IT AS IT STANDS, BOTH AS A GESTURE OF GOOD WILL AND AS A MEANS OF MOVING THIS EXERCISE FORWARD MORE SWIFTLY.

3. INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF EC TEXT FOLLOWS:

BEGIN TEXT: THE PARTICIPATING STATES...TO TAKE MEASURES TO REDUCE TO A MINIMUM AND TO APPLY FLEXIBLY THE FORMALITIES NECESSARY:

--FOR THEIR OWN CITIZENS TO LEAVE THEIR TERRITORY AND TO RETURN TO IT;

--FOR CITIZENS OF OTHER PARTICIPATING STATES TO ENTER THEIR TERRITORY OR TO LEAVE IT;

TO GRANT CITIZENS OF OTHER PARTICIPATING STATES GREATER FACILITIES FOR TRAVEL WITHIN THEIR TERRITORIES;
TO ENSURE THAT THE DECISION TO GRANT NECESSARY DOCUMENTS AND AUTHORIZATIONS FOR SUCH TRAVEL IS NOT SUBJECT TO DIFFERENT CRITERIA ACCORDING TO THE COUNTRY OF ORIGIN OR DESTINATION OF THE APPLICANT; THE REGULATIONS IN FORCE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF TRAVEL DOCUMENTS AND VISAS WILL BE APPLIED IN THIS SPIRIT;
TO ENSURE THAT THE COSTS OF SUCH DOCUMENTS AND AUTHORIZATIONS DO NOT CONSTITUTE AN UNDULY HEAVY BURDEN FOR THE RECIPIENT. END TEXT. ABRAMS
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